

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

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A RESOLUTION to honor Major Van G. Chase on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor and a commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Major Van G. Chase, who will embark on a much-deserved retirement on May 27, 2016, from his position as Senior Army Instructor at Northeast High School; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS) in 1997, Major Chase was one of the first officers and the only minority officer hired by CMCSS; and

WHEREAS, he coached a Rifle and Raider Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) team from 1997 to 2005, and currently coaches the Raider team at Northeast High School, which has competed three times at the JROTC Raider National Championships; and

WHEREAS, Northeast High School hosted the Red River Brigade Drill Meet for eleven years; the drill team has competed at the master level and won a national championship in 2007; and

WHEREAS, during Major Chase's tenure in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, he trained four army instructors, and numerous cadets in the JROTC program who have graduated from military academies and continue to serve in all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as Senior Army Instructor at Northeast High School, Major Van Chase has served on the Collaborative Conferencing Committee representing all the district's high school teachers, and on the School Improvement program for several years; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as chief medical officer, science teacher, and assistant S-1 at the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Major Chase is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Margaret, and their two sons, James and Steven; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Major Van Chase served with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly recognize him on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Major Van G. Chase upon the occasion of his retirement on May 27, 2016, extending our gratitude for his many years of service, and our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.